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SUBJ: LAW OF SEA: UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE SESSION-QATARI NON-VIEWS

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1. ON MARCH 13, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED US VIEWS ON UPCOMING LOS
CONFERENCE SESSION IN NY WITH GOVT OF QATAR UN PERMREP JASIM
JAMAL, WHO PRESENTLY ON CONSULTATIONS IN DOHA, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY
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DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS FAHD AL KAWARI.

WE LEFT WITH THEM SUMMARY OF US VIEWS DRAWN FROM REFTTEL. JAMAL WILL BE RETURNING TO NY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS TO HEAD QATARI DELEGATION.

2. WE EMPHASIZED "MOMENT OF TRUTH" ASPECT OF NY LOS SESSION, CITING AS EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF AGREEMENT ELUDES US UK-ICELAND "COD WAR" AND PENDING LEGISLATION IN US CONGRESS ON 200 MILE FISHING LIMIT.

3. JAMAL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESENTATION ON US VIEWS AND SAID HE HIMSELF HAS YET NOT RPT NOT WELL BRIEFED ON QATARI POSITIONS, SINCE THESE NOT YET DEFINED. JAMAL EXPLAINED THAT GOQ WOULD DEVELOP ITS POSITIONS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT JAN 4-15 MEETING OF ARAB EXPERTS ON LOS IN CAIRO HAD BEEN INCONCLUSIVE, AND THAT IT HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR ARAB DELEGATIONS TO MEET ON SCENE IN NY TO COORDINATE THEIR VIEWS.

4. JAMAL EXPRESSED PERSONAL PESSIMISM THAT NY SESSION COULD PRODUCE BREAKTHROUGH ON LOS TREATY. WE REITERATED THAT IT ESSENTIAL THAT IT DO SO, AND THAT IT WAS OUR BELIEF THAT THERE WERE ENOUGH ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT IN HAND TO CATALYZE MOVE TOWARD TREATY.

5. WE URGED JAMAL TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH US DELEGATION IN NY AND HE READILY AGREED TO DO SO. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON WEO POSITIONS ON LOS ISSUES. WE SAID THIS WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO US, BUT THAT USDEL IN NY WOULD CERTAINLY BE PREPARED TO BRIEF HIM.

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